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ABSTRACT

MIFTAHUS SA'ADAH: "An Analysis of Figurative Language in *Stories for Thinking Children I* by Harun Yahya".

This thesis is conducted to analyze figurative language in *Stories for Thinking Children I* by Harun Yahya. Learning about language cannot be separate from learning figurative language especially, when read English stories, novel, and poem because, in stories usually found some types of figurative language that used by author. Learning figurative language is not an easy. Every language has literature and figurative language, stories book no exception. In the book of *Stories for Thinking Children I* many education values that good for the reader especially, children. Therefore, the researcher chooses this book to analyze about figurative language and to understand about stories, the reader must learn about figurative language in order, to easier understanding the stories. This way, hopefully, would be useful for teachers, and parents, especially, the reader of these stories.

The purposes of the research are: the first, to find out types of figurative languages. The second is, to find out the message of figurative language in the stories. And the last is to find out types of figurative language are most frequently used by the author in *Stories for Thinking Children I* by Harun Yahya.

The method of the research of this thesis is content analysis or document analysis. The object of the research in this thesis is the book of *Stories for Thinking Children I* by Harun Yahya. The researcher only analyzes 10 stories in the book of *Stories for Thinking Children I* by Harun Yahya that selected by random. The instrument of the research in this thesis is researcher herself. The techniques collecting data in this research are observation and study documentation. The aim of observation and study documentation are in order to find out the secondary data. Such as: books, official document, article, journal, and daily notes to support this research.

After the researcher analyze the book of *Stories for Thinking Children I* with the primary and secondary data as the source of data the resercher found some 4 types of figurative language. They are: Allegory, Synecdoche, Personification, Allusion, Imagery, and Assonance. There are also some messages in figurative language as described in chapter 4. In the story book the researcher found 1 of Allegory with percentage 10%, 1 of Synecdoche with percentage 10%, 1 of Personification with percentage 10%, 1 of Allusion with percentage 10%, 5 of Imagery with percentage 50%, and the last 1 of Assonance with percentage 10%, in *Stories for Thinking Children I*. From the explanation above can be concluded that Imagery is type of figurative language that most frequently used in the stories with the total 5 or 50%



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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. The Background of The Problem

Language is very important for human life, without language all people in the world cannot communicate with other people because language is a tool of communication for human beings. Language is a medium of communication for human beings. Language allows people to express their feelings, opinions, ideas. Every people have different language styles. For the example, in book of *Stories for Thinking Children I* the author used language style for children to easier understanding the stories. Not only does figurative language add richness to spoken and written language, it's also frequently used in academic world communication. It is supported by Alkhuli, (1976: 7)

English is an International language and it is often used as the International communication language. As we know, language is a medium of communication for human beings. Language allows people to express their feelings, opinions, ideas, etc.

According to Rosenheim (2004: 17) Language is the great gift that distinguishes human beings from other creatures. Like most gifts, it can be used thoughtfully and to good advantage or it can be used carelessly, indifferently, and quite unsuccessfully. The way in which you use language can tell people a good deal about your personal qualities your way of thinking, your alertness, your concern for useful communication with other people and your concern, your respect, for the English language itself.

From the statement above can be conclude that English language is international communication for human beings that allow people to express their feelings, opinions, and ideas. Language can tell people a good deal about personal qualities,



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way of thinking, alertness, and concern for useful communication with other people concern and respect.

Every people have different language to communicate with other people which called code. Wardhaugh (2006: 2) states that “when two or more people communicate with each other in speech, it can call the system of communication that they employ codes that call a language”. According to the statement above can be concluding that language is tool of communication for human that usually called a code or a language.

Learning about language cannot be separate from learning figurative language especially, when read English stories, novel and poem because, in stories usually found some types of figurative language that used by author. According to Tarigan (2009: 104) Figure of speech is figurative language, beautiful language which used to raise and enhance the effect by introducing and comparing certain objects or things with objects or other things that are more common. Every language has literature and figurative language, stories book no exception. Therefore, to understand about stories the reader must learn about figurative language to easier understanding the stories. According to Richards and Schmidt (2002: 526) state that:

Story is a theory of the cognitive representation of narrative texts, including simple stories, folk tales, fables, and narratives. Some or all of the characteristics of the structure of stories is said to be incorporated into people’s knowledge systems as a SCHEMA for stories. This describes the elements common to most stories, the kinds of situations, events, actors, actions and goals that occur in stories and the interrelationships among the elements of a story.

From the statement above can be conclude that learning language cannot be separate from learning figurative language especially, when read stories because,



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in stories usually found some types of figurative language that used by author. Therefore learning figurative language is very important to easier the reader understanding the difficult sentence in the stories. From here the researcher interest to analyze about figurative language and chooses to analyze figurative language in *Stories for Thinking Children I* by Harun Yahya. The researcher choose this book because, want to know are there some types of figurative language that used by author in this book. Many education values for the reader especially, for children will achieve. Such as: peace, justice, and happiness promised in the Al-Qur'an and the researcher want to know are there some types of figurative language in book of *Stories for Thinking Children I* and this book also very interesting for children. Therefore, the researcher want to analyze stories that written by Harun Yahya in *Stories for Thinking Children I* to easier for reader especially, the parents or the teacher using the stories in daily life in teaching story telling for children.

Students are expected to comprehend different types of figurative expressions as they advance trough middle school to high school. Each story has literature and figurative language that make story more beautiful. Figurative language is language that means something more than or other than what the words actually mean.

Seldom literature and figurative language that used by the author in story is difficult to be understand by the reader therefore, all people need to study about literature and figurative language to know what style of language that used by author. This is supported by Haynes (1995: 58) "features of style which are found



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more often, and more densely, in artistic texts than in others, and particularly in poetry-like texts such as: songs, raps and some advertisements, and some comic or stories”. Therefore, all people need to study about literature and figurative language to know what style of language that used by author in the stories.

To understand about words that used in literary works such as: in novel, poem, song, stories, etc need long time because, there are literary or figurative language that difficult to be understand. To know about it all people need knowledge related about it and also imagination to figure out the author’s or speaker meaning. For the example: Zubair, saw that Rasheed was deep in thought. Type of that sentence is personification because, the word deep usually used for people or person. The meaning of figurative language of the sentence above is Rasheed thought about something.

People who want study about literary and figurative language especially English can use stories because in the stories there are literary and figurative language that used by author. It has many advantages for develop skill of English, because in stories there are character, plot, action, setting, value, literary and figurative language that make interest to study. Figurative language is part of language style. According to Carol Jago, et al (2010: 21-23) state that there are four elements of styles: diction, imagery, figurative language, and syntax. From the explanation above can be concluding that figurative language is element of style.

To support of research can review of last topics from Ade Safa’at Taufiq (2012) about “The Figurative Language of *The Mill on The Floss* by George



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In this study the writer used descriptive qualitative method and analyzed the background of each character before analyzing the social class for supporting the arguments. For the type that used in this research is document or content qualitative analysis which focused on analyzing and interpreting recorded material within its own context, which is novel. The aims of this research are learning reading novel on their competence in reading comprehension and about figurative language.

There is some figurative language that discussed in this thesis such as: simile, personification, metaphor, hyperbole, metonymy, oxymoron, and synecdoche. Figurative language that often used in this novel are personification, hyperbole, and symbolic. The results of this thesis there are figurative language in this novel and also consist of intrinsic element they are: title, theme, characterization, setting-plot, point of view, style, and synopsis. There are many



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social conflicts as the result or investigating a literary work especially, in figurative language.

Nur Hikmah Dianatin (2012) researched about The Analysis of Figurative language in the Novel the Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini. In this research the write try to explore the intrinsic, moral values, and figurative language by using some theoretical foundation to make it strong research. The field of the research that used in this thesis is about literature.

Lilis Suryani (2012) investigated about The Analysis of Figurative Language and Education Values on *Mary Lynn Baxier's* Novel Entitled *Priceless*. The analysis mainly used descriptive qualitative analysis method or content analysis. In this thesis discussed the types of figurative language that found in the novel such as: simile, metaphor, personification, synecdoche, metonymy, symbol, allegory, paradox, overstatement and understatement, and irony. The writer also wants to know the most frequently of figurative language that used in this novel.

Elaheh Fadaee (2011) studied about Symbols, metaphors and similes in literature: A case study of "Animal Farm". One of the aims of literary text is to say as much as possible as briefly as possible, means to say more in few words to achieve a maximum effectiveness. In this case, figures of speech, specifically symbol, metaphor and simile have an important role, as they include figurative meaning of words besides their literary meaning. In this article, symbols, metaphors and similes in George Orwell's 'Animal Farm' were studied to find out the effect of using figures of speech on the writer's style and the addressee's understanding. For this aim, these three figures of speech were founded in the



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novel and their types were determined according to Newmark`s (1988b), Fromilhague`s (1995) and Rokni`s (2009) classifications, respectively.

Irfan Febriana (2012) analyzed about “The Figurative Language in the Novel Entitled *To Kill a Mocking Bird* by Harper Lee”. The aims of this research are to find out learning reading novel on their competence in reading comprehension and about figurative language. In this research used theory of literature and intrinsic novel for analyzed novel. In this study the researcher used descriptive qualitative because the researcher has to analyze the background each character before analyzing figurative language for supporting the arguments.

The researcher used document or content qualitative analysis which focused in analyzing and interpreting recorded material within its own context, which is novel. To find out data of novel the researcher used genetic structuralism method. There are some of figurative languages in novel such as: a simile, personification, metaphor, hyperbole, and idiom in the novel. The result of the research shows this novel have figurative language and consist of intrinsic element: theme, literary fact (plot, setting, and character) and literary devices (point of view, style, tone, and symbolism). And the researcher found many social conflicts as the result of social class as extrinsic elements.

Based on review of related studies the writer concluded that there is some thesis that studied about figurative language. In each thesis there are the differences about the research, such as: about the technique of analyzing data and the aim of the research. Each thesis has the strength and weakness that make the thesis different from the other. In this study, the researcher will analyze the same



case of figurative language especially about figurative language that found in book of *Stories for Thinking Children .I. by Harun Yahya*, these research different from the other researcher because the researcher analyze about children stories not about novel or song. In stories there are phrase and sentences that usually did not know about it because, it has literal meaning or figurative meaning.

The focus of the research is to find out deeply about literary works, kinds and meaning of figurative language that used by Harun Yahya especially, in some stories of *Stories for Thinking Children I*. The researcher chooses to analyze this book because in this book many education values for the reader especially for children will achieve such as: peace, justice, and happiness promised in the Al-Qur'an and the researcher want to know are there some types of figurative language in book of *Stories for Thinking Children I*. Therefore, the researcher want to analysis stories that written by Harun Yahya in *Stories for Thinking Children I*.

B. The Identification of The Problem

Identification of the problem is required to give the clarification about the study which is will be investigated. Then the researcher arranges the identification of the problem referred background of the problem above, those are:

1. The Field of Research

The field of study of the research is literature.

2. The Kinds of The Problem

This research focuses on figurative language in Harun Yahya's stories.

3. The Main Problem



In the book of *Stories for Thinking Children 1* there are many education values that can be taken by the reader especially for children. Such as: peace, justice, and happiness promised in Al-Qur'an and asks the reader or students to learn Al-Qur'an. Therefore the writer interests to analyze about figurative language in this story books, in order to know are there some types of figurative language that used by the author in this story books.

C. The Limitation of The Problem

The research focuses on the analysis of figurative language in Harun Yahya stories text of *Stories for Thinking Children 1 book*. In this research the researcher only analyzes some of only analyze 10 of stories that selected by random. In order to easier and more focus in analysis about figurative language in book of *Stories for Thinking Children 1* therefore, the researcher only analyze some of figurative language in book of *Stories for Thinking Children 1*.

D. The Questions of The Research

Based on the background of the problem that have described. Therefore the questions of the problem are as follow:

1. What types of figurative language are used in *Stories for Thinking Children 1* by Harun Yahya?
2. How are the messages of figurative language in the stories?
3. What types of figurative language are most frequently used in *Stories for Thinking Children 1* by Harun Yahya?



E. The Aims of The Research

The aims of the research are the writer will obtain regarding the questions of the research. The purposes of the research are:

1. To find out types of figurative language in *Stories for Thinking Children 1* by Harun Yahya.
2. To find out the messages of figurative language in the stories.
3. To find out the types of figurative language are most frequently used in *Stories for Thinking Children 1* by Harun Yahya.

F. The Use of The Research

The uses of the research in this thesis are:

1. To add of knowledge about figurative language that used in each stories.
2. The result of the research hoped to be able to help the students feel easier to learn English lesson especially in learning literature, to give reference to development of teaching learning process.
3. Giving a profitable description to any further researcher which wants to study the same case, so this study becomes a helpful information and useful reference for the next study.



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